

MARK BRNOVICH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Re:

National Opioid Settlement with Distributors McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health

Dear County, City and Town Leaders:

I write to provide you good news regarding the National Opioid Settlement with distributors McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health. A final term of the national settlement with Distributors allocates approximately an additional \$10 million to Arizona because the Arizona Attorney General's Office handled this matter without retaining outside counsel.

The additional \$10 million is labeled Additional Restitution in the Settlement Agreement. This amount will be paid to Arizona over the next three years. My office will advise the Settlement Administrator to allocate this additional amount between the State and Local Governments as provided in the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Funds Agreement. Therefore, 44% will be allocated to the State and 56% to the Local Governments.

It is important for each political subdivision to note that the Additional Restitution funds were allocated to Arizona in recognition of its decision to forego outside counsel. Accordingly, <u>none</u> of the Additional Restitution can be used to fund the Backstop Fund or to pay Local Governments' outside counsel.

We anticipate that initial payments will be distributed within the next several weeks. I want to thank you once again for coming together as one to maximize the resources we can provide to Arizonans affected by the opioid crisis.

If you have any questions, please contact Section Chief Leslie Kyman Cooper at Leslie.Cooper@azag.gov or Unit Chief Matthew du Mée at Matthew.duMee@azag.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Brnovich Arizona Attorney General